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SUBJ: BACHIR GEMAYEL TO VISIT U.S.

1. BACHIR GEMAYEL, YOUNGER SON OF KATAEB HEAD PIERRE GEMAYEL AND KATAEB MILITARY LEADER, HAS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT U.S. LATE IN MARCH. LEBANESE-AMERICANS HAVE EXTENDED INVITATION TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION IN LEBANON. HE PLANS TO LEAVE IN ABOUT WEEK'S TIME AND STAY TWO OR THREE WEEKS. HE WILL VISIT CALIFORNIA, MICHIGAN, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON.

2. PART OF PROGRAM BEING ARRANGED FOR HIM, HE CLAIMS, IS INTERVIEW ON "FACE THE NATION- TO BE TAPED MARCH 18. CALLS IN WASHINGTON ON CAPITOL HILL ARE ALSO BEING SET UP, BUT HE HAS NO FIRM APPOINTMENTS YET. HE PLANS TO CALL ON ROBERT OAKLEY AT NSC, IF LATTER WILL SEE HIM.

3. COMMENT: LEBANESE CHRISTIAN LEADERS HAVE CON-
CLUDED SOMEWHAT BITTERLY THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN EUROPE
AND U.S. TURNED AGAINST THEM AT CRUCIAL MEMENT DURING ROUND
4 FIGHTING. A FEW ACKNOWLEDGE THIS WAS PARTLY THEIR OWN
FAULT (QUARANTINA, ETC) BUT OTHERS BLAME INTERNATIONAL
"PROPAGANDA." TAKING CUE FROM GREEK-AMERICANS
OVER CYPRUS ISSUE AND U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY, THEY
HOPE MAKE MORE SYSTEMATIC USE OF LEBANESE-AMERICANS
TO EXPLAIN THEIR CAUSE. GEMAYEL'S TRIP CAN BE UNDER-
STOOD IN THAT LIGHT.

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